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Possibility of stress redistribution due to connection ductility within timber structures



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Motivation

In statically undetermined systems

- \sim the cross section is only partically highly utilized
- \sim other parts of the structure are hardly stressed
- \rightarrow Structural elements are designed for the highest local stresses



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~ stress redistributions in statically undetermined systems

ightarrow increased load capacity of the structure

e. g. two-span beam:

 $M_{Support} = M_{Midspan} = M_{max}$

achievable by the installation of a joint with a defined strength and stiffness





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Load - deformation curve of SFS-dowels [Mischler 2001]



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Joint consideration with SFS-dowels [Mischler 2001]





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Motivation - Re-evaluation - Conclusions

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Conclusions

~ Database of connections is required

with the load / deformation capacity of different type of fasteners

definition of ductility (Komatsu et al. / CIB W18)





~ Stress redistribution is possible

 \rightarrow load increase is possible



 \rightarrow Design considering the plastic behavior of fasteners is possible